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Award for poetry. She's had work published in *The Midwest Quarterly*, *West Branch*, *Concho River Review*, *Kansas Women Writers*, and other magazines.

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Fredrick Zydek taught creative writing and theology for many years before deciding to write full-time. He first taught at UNO and later at the College of Saint Mary. He has published

four collections of poetry. *Ending the Fast*, his third, included a quartet titled *Songs from the Quinalt Valley*, which was awarded the Sarah Foley O'Loughlen Award for the editors of America. *The Conception Abbey Poems*, his fourth collection has just gone into a second expanded edition. His work has appeared in *The Antioch Review*, *Cimarron Review*, *The Hollins Critic*, *New England Review*, *Nimrod*, *Prairie Schooner*, *Poetry Northwest*, *Yankee*, and others. Most recently he has accepted the post of editor for the Lone Willow Press chapbook series. He has in excess of 800 publishing credits which include personal essays, fiction, academic articles, plays, poems, and an occasional review.

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